

# BM TRADA

## Forest management certification/monitoring audit/re-certification report

Title of the forest management organization:	MTÜ Eesti Erametsaliit
Address:	Mustamäe tee 50 10621 Tallinn Eesti
Contact person:	Kristel Arukask
Audit report date:	08.03.2016
Certificate date:	19.02.2015
Certificate expiry date:	18.02.2020
Certificate number:	TT-PEFC-FM006
Audit type:	1 <sup>st</sup> Monitoring 2016

### Audit team description

Lead auditor ( <i>Name, Surname</i> ):	Renal Lastik
Brief description of experience, certifying compliance with the status	M.Sc in Forest Management from Estonian University of Life Sciences, IRCA ISO 9001. Main field of expertise is forest ecology, forest re-generation and timber manufacturing processes. Forest management, chain of custody and subcontractors control and assessment. Experience since 2010 in Estonia and overseas.
Auditor ( <i>Name, Surname</i> ):	Björn Sild
Brief description of experience, certifying compliance with the status	M.Sc in Forest Management from the Estonian University of Life and Sciences. Main field of expertise forest management operations and tracking of wood flow. Assessment and control of subcontractors. ISO 9001 certification, CoC lead auditor certification.

### Certification scope

#### Description of the certification candidate's activity

<b>Title of the forest management organization, legal status, contact information</b>
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<b>Management purposes defined in the forest management plan</b>
<p>Forest management certification according to the PEFC Estonia National Forest Standard for Group Certification.</p> <p>Each member of the group defines the objectives of the forest management. For most members of the group the aim of forest management is to earn income. Forest management is planned and carried out based on the current legislation (in particular the Forest Act) and PEFC Estonia National Forest Standard. According to the PEFC Estonia National Forest Standard every organization (member) has to have valid forest management plans, which describe the condition of the forest and planned work (according to the Forest Act, the works described in the forest management plans are not mandatory, rather</p>

recommended).
<b>Description of the organizational structure of forest management measures to be taken</b>
<p>Group certificate, with certificate holder as MTÜ Eesti Erametsaliit (EEML).</p> <p>EEML performs the reception of the members, management of the membership and related information, annual reporting, assessment of the members and suspension of the membership. Inspection and monitoring of the following of certificate scope and requirements are managed according to the established procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- agreement between the members of the group and EEML</li> <li>- instructions for completing the checklist</li> <li>- work arrangements of the EEML`s PEFC group-certificate control group and control unit</li> <li>- internal control and work arrangements of EEML`s PEFC group-certificate members</li> <li>- evaluation of non-compliances and weaknesses of EEML`s PEFC group-certificate members</li> <li>- corrective actions for the non-conformities and weaknesses found at internal audit</li> <li>- internal audit plan</li> <li>- conduction of first internal control of EEML`s PEFC group-certificate members</li> <li>- relevant documentation list for internal control of EEML`s PEFC group-certificate members</li> </ul> <p>EEML group-certificate members at <b>January 2016 - 64 members (182056 ha)</b>.</p> <p>The forest area covered with the scope of the certificate is located across Estonia (distributed according to the areas managed by the members). EEML has an overview of the managed forest lands, member based register (property, county, municipality, number of the cadastral, ha). Minimum once a year each member has to update the information.</p>
<b>Managed area in division by species and age groups</b>
<p>In relation to the group-certificate the distribution of managed land by the group members might vary of species and age groups for every group member. Exact information of the group member is available and obtained for every member separately by EEML, of which summarized tables are created and hold up to date.</p> <p>Group members forest land proportion by tree species is following:</p> <p><b>Pine - 20%</b></p> <p><b>Spruce - 15%</b></p> <p><b>Birch - 42%</b></p> <p><b>Aspen - 7%</b></p> <p><b>Grey alder - 10%</b></p> <p><b>Black alder - 2%</b></p> <p><b>Others- 4%</b></p>
<b>Main felling execution</b>
<p>The main felling type is regeneration cutting, which forms about <b>79%</b> of the total conducted cuttings. Improvement cuttings form <b>21%</b> of the total conducted cuttings. Most of the main cuttings are carried out using harvester type machines.</p>

Main felling distribution			
Group size	Re-generation cuttings	Improvement cuttings	Total (cbm)
Group 1 (1-100ha)	2677	719	3396
Group 2 (101-1000ha)	37475	10070	47545
Group 3 (1001-10000ha)	273030	73370	346400
Group 4 (10000+ha)	222171	59703	281874
Total (cbm)	535352	143863	679215

**Non-wood forest products and services**

For non-wood forest products and -services collaboration with hunting clubs can be brought out, with whom the group-certificate members have concluded agreements accordingly. Reporting is not kept for other non-wood forest products and these are not used directly for earning income. Foraging (mushrooms, berries etc.) is not limited.

**General description of the forest management system**

The system and control of the forest management according to PEFC Estonia National Forest Standard is performed through EEML (procedures - see above the description of organizational structure for execution of forest management).

For each group-certificate member is given the access to the relevant documents (PEFC Estonia National Forest Standard, the Forest Act, Nature Conservation act etc.), which is the basis for performing forest management and related operations (forest regeneration, cutting, maintenance and protection etc). EEML collects and maintains summary information on executed cuttings, re-forestation, forest area, protected species etc. by each member. Every year the internal control (internal audits) of the randomly selected members is conducted by EEML, it includes the evaluation of the management system, documentation and field audits. The purpose of the internal audits is to evaluate member`s compliance to the currently valid legislation and documents (including subcontractors control by the members). EEML has developed and documented relevant procedures for execution of the internal audit, recording the results and further improvements. All members are checked at least once within the 5 year validity period of the certificate.

EEML informs, trains (if necessary & possible) and provides additional information (seminars, brochures) regarding the various aspects of forest management.

**Description of the compliance of the certification candidate to the certification requirements, indicating all evident non-compliances and observations, as well as the time period for implementation of correctional measures**

**Summary table of audit results**

<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Observations, stated violations, inconsistencies</b>
Parameter 1. Management of forest resources	No observation, violations or inconsistencies
Parameter 2. Upkeep of forest health and vitality	No observation, violations or inconsistencies
Parameter 3: Upkeep and facilitation of forest productive functions (wood and non-wood)	No observation, violations or inconsistencies
Parameter 4: Upkeep, protection and respective facilitation of the biological diversity of forest ecosystem	<b>NCR 01 Information about the cuttings during vegetation and breeding period</b>
Parameter 5: Upkeep of protective functions and respective facilitation in forest management (especially regarding soil and water)	No observation, violations or inconsistencies
Parameter 6: Maintenance of other socially economic functions and conditions	No observation, violations or inconsistencies

**Compliance of the certificate candidate with the certification requirements**

Recommendation	
<b>To recognize that the forest management company carries out forest management operations according to the PEFC Forest management certification standard for Estonia</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
The conclusion is based upon information acquired during the certification process, certifying that:	
The forest management organization has ensured the correction of all the significant inconsistencies established above	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
The forest management organization has demonstrated that the forest management system and normative basis can provide for observance of the certification standard requirements within the certification forest areas	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
The forest management organization has demonstrated that the forest management system and normative basis is applied in practice in the forest management process of the certification forest areas	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments	
<p><b><i>CFA01 2016 – assessment of group members and their subcontractors. CH has not yet had the opportunity to carry out the full scale assessment of all their existing members. Auditor recommends to carry out internal assessment of the members who have active harvesting and bigger harvesting volumes in first place to avoid continuing errors in the area.</i></b></p>	

### Summary of public debate

<b>Opinions of interested party, expressed objections</b>	<b>BM TRADA reply, findings of the audit process</b>
<b>Economic issues</b>	
none	
<b>Social issues</b>	
none	
<b>Environmental protection issues</b>	
none	

**LEAD AUDITOR'S CONCLUSIONS:**

Clear recommendation on whether the organization complies with the standard requirements:

**MTÜ Eesti Erametsaliit meets the requirements of PEFC Estonia National Forest Standard and Continued Certification recommended subject to closure of NCR.**

**LEAD AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE, DATE: 08.03.2016 Renal Lastik**

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**Opinion of an external expert (date, expert, expert's conclusion):**

Raitis Rieksts-Riekstiņš expert decision: based on comments received from auditor and report amended – I recommend Eesti Erametsaliit for PEFC FM certification. 17.06.2016.

**CERTIFICATION DECISION (filled out by the certification leader):**

**Based on expert decision and reviewed documents submitted , recommend for continued certification with reissuing new certificate, due to group member and total certified area increase.**

Certification leader:	Andra Ožeta
Signature:	AOžeta
Date	22.06.2016.